

with him, will forget his great erudition, his wide culture and his fund of anecdotes.

Dr. Tisdall was indeed a source of inspiration, a philosopher and friend to those of us most junior in the profession:

“And he would have some gentle word to say,
Some kindly deed to do; for kindly thought
Was warp and woof of which his life was wrought.”

With his passing the medical world is bereft of one of its great philanthropists, whose humanitarian sphere of work was not bounded by national frontiers. It varied from caring for prisoners-of-war, to studying methods for improving the living conditions of the Indians in the Canadian North. With his death a great master of the art and science of medicine has gone from us and has departed to join the noble ranks of Osler, and other great physicians of the past.
T.F.M.

Dr. R. B. E. Wilson, aged 54, a practising physician in Uxbridge, Ont., for the last 28 years, died on June 16. He was born in Woodstock and received his early education there. After returning from overseas service in the First World War, he completed his education at the University of Manitoba.

NEWS ITEMS

Alberta

The Alberta Orthopaedic Society held its second annual meeting in Edmonton on May 18, a full attendance was noted. The executive members were elected as follows; *President*—Dr. H. Mewburn, *Vice-President*—Dr. Gordon Townsend, *Secretary-Treasurer*—Dr. Gordon Wilson.

Dr. Harvey D. Hebb has opened a surgical practice in the City of Edmonton.

Dr. H. E. Duggan of the Department of Radiology of the University Hospital was successful in passing the American Board of X-ray and Radium Therapy at the recent examinations held in Atlantic City. During the war Dr. Duggan served in R.C.A.M.C.

Dr. W. S. Armstrong of Edmonton has returned from Baltimore where he attended the Eye Department of Johns Hopkins Hospital.

Many of the Alberta medical men are enjoying their holidays at Banff and Jasper, since excellent roads have been built to these resorts motoring is a pleasure, the average time of travel from the larger centres being from two to six hours.

Dr. R. E. Jespersen had the misfortune to fracture his arm recently. Dr. Jespersen is associated with the Allin Clinic of Edmonton.

The new building for the Department of Pathology is well under way and is situated just West of the University hospital. The steel for the new wing of the hospital has been completed. W. CARLETON WHITESIDE

British Columbia

Poliomyelitis is beginning to rear its ugly head again in British Columbia. At present there are seven recognized cases in Vancouver, and there is a good deal of upper respiratory infection amongst children.

There has been a good deal of measles in Vancouver lately. The Medical Health Officer, Dr. Stewart Murray, reports that there are “two types” of the disease. This is borne out by the experience of practitioners. One type

seems to be very short-lived, with an almost fleeting rash, and few symptoms. It needs the Koplik's mouth spots to confirm one in one's diagnosis of the disease.

The question of hospital construction has been engaging the attention of the civic government of Vancouver lately. Plans are in existence for a considerable extension of the Vancouver General Hospital, by some eight hundred beds, but a recent resolution sent to the City Council by the Vancouver Medical Association urges decentralization, and the building of hospital units in districts according to population and local needs.

There is at the present moment a very grave shortage of nurses in British Columbia, especially in the hospitals, where there is danger, at least in some of them, that wards will have to be closed temporarily, as they cannot be staffed. This is partly due, of course, to the fact that summer holidays curtail staffs, but it is also due, to some extent at least, to the fact that nursing schools cannot accommodate students. The number of girls applying for training is in excess of the number for whom residential accommodation can be supplied. The Vancouver General Hospital has in process of construction a new Nurses' Home—but this is being built in stages, and the first unit will not be able to take care of any increase.

At a recent convention of the North West Veterinary Association held in Vancouver, and attended by representatives from both the United States and Canada, the question of brucellosis amongst cattle came up for discussion. The matter is, of course, of great interest to us as medical men, on account of its relation to undulant fever, which is quite prevalent in parts of British Columbia. The consensus amongst these men seemed to be that there was not a sufficiently organized system of herd vaccination. Many farmers and stockmen were inadequately equipped to vaccinate their herds; many purchased sera of very doubtful value, in some cases of no value at all. They urged standardization of methods, and a campaign to wipe out this disease, which has cost the cattle industry of British Columbia vast sums. From our point of view, this is a very sound suggestion, and we can only hope that it will be implemented by government action in the near future.

Federal Health Grants are beginning to play an important part in various Health Surveys in this Province. As an instance, we may cite a province-wide survey of crippling diseases of children, now being carried on, under the chairmanship of Dr. Donald Patterson, Director of the Children's Health Centre in Vancouver. A questionnaire has been drawn up by a large group of men who are specialists in various departments of medicine, including orthopaedics and paediatrics, mental diseases, and the division of vital statistics. This questionnaire is being sent to all medical men in the Province.

Tuberculosis, mental hygiene, cancer and venereal disease, public health and professional training, as well as hospital construction, all come within the purview of these grants as well. J. H. MACDERMOT

Manitoba

On May 29 in the First Lutheran Church, Winnipeg, a plaque in memory of the late Dr. Brandur J. Brandson was unveiled in the presence of a large congregation. On the plaque are the words: “Teacher-Physician-Surgeon-Humanitarian and a cultured Christian gentleman”, followed by the quotation, “None knew thee but to love thee, nor named thee but to praise”. The dedication address was given by Norman S. Bergmann, vice-president of the congregation. Dr. Brandson, who died on June 20, 1944, at the age of 70, was a great son of his native Iceland and of his adopted country, Canada. He was chief surgeon of the Winnipeg General Hospital and Professor of Surgery, University of Manitoba. In 1930 he was one of three official representatives of the Canadian

Government at the millennial celebration of the Icelandic parliament. During this visit the University of Iceland conferred upon him the honorary degree of Doctor of Medicine, and in 1935 the Icelandic government made him Grand Knight of the Royal Icelandic Order of the Falcon. Dr. Brandson was the chief moving spirit in the creation and maintenance of the Icelandic Old Folks Home at Gimli, the "Home of the Happy Sunset".

The University of Manitoba Faculty of Medicine, through its Department of Social and Preventive Medicine, is making plans to conduct a survey of the prevalence, incidence and case distribution of multiple sclerosis in Greater Winnipeg. The University has received a grant from the Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada and the National Multiple Sclerosis Society to conduct this survey.

Dr. Irving Miller has opened an office at 520 Medical Arts Building, Winnipeg, for the practice of internal medicine.

Dr. J. A. Hildes, M.R.C.P., a Senior Medical Research Fellow of the National Research Council has been appointed Assistant Professor in charge of the section of gastroenterology in the Department of Physiology and Medical Research of the University of Manitoba.

Dr. M. G. Saunders, recently of the Department of Experimental Physiology of the University of Manchester, has been appointed Assistant Professor in charge of the section of neurophysiology of the Department of Physiology and Medical Research of the University of Manitoba. Dr. Saunders will also be the electro-encephalographer in the Winnipeg General Hospital.

Dr. Harold Blondal, son of the late Dr. A. Blondal, has been awarded a Postdoctorate Fellowship by the National Research Council. His work will be directed by Dr. A. J. Capriani at Chalk River, Ont.

ROSS MITCHELL

New Brunswick

Dr. H. R. Ripley, radiologist at the Moncton City Hospital will spend a month in Britain, observing modern treatment of malignant disease, at the Holt Radium Institute at Manchester and the Royal Infirmary in Edinburgh. Dr. Ripley is assisted by a grant from the New Brunswick Branch of the Canadian Cancer Society.

Dr. Arnold Branch of Rothesay, was recently elected President of the Saint John Theatre Guild.

Dr. E. W. Luney, chief anaesthetist of the General Hospital, Saint John, is studying newer methods in anaesthesia at the Cancer Memorial Hospital, New York. He is especially interested in anaesthesia in chest surgery. This special study is being sponsored by the New Brunswick branch of the Canadian Cancer Society.

Dr. R. G. MacDonald, of the Paediatric service at Saint John General Hospital, has been granted a year's leave of absence to undertake postgraduate studies in his specialty at the Children's Memorial Hospital, Montreal.

Dr. Lionel Guravich, of Deer Island, has left for Montreal, to take the McGill Diploma Course in Internal Medicine. He will spend the next two years at Queen Mary Road Hospital.

Dr. H. Arthur Bird, has been appointed assistant director of Laboratories by the New Brunswick Department of Health. Hon. Dr. F. A. McGrand, Minister of Health, made the announcement early in June. Dr. Bird, graduate of Mount Allison, and Dalhousie University. Interned in the Saint John General Hospital,

and spent three years in the R.C.A.F., medical services and then spent two years of special study in Laboratories of Tufts Medical School at Boston.

Dr. Ruth McDougall, has been appointed director of the newly formed division of Maternal and Child Health in the New Brunswick Department of Health. Dr. McDougall has a good background of practical experience in general Public Health work.

Dr. R. T. Hayes, of Saint John, was elected to the council of the Canadian Ophthalmological Society, at its annual convocation at Jasper Park Lodge.

Dr. E. A. Petrie, of St. Joseph's Hospital, Saint John, is the new president elect of the Canadian Association of Radiologists.

The Provincial Department of Health, has placed a specially equipped mobile laboratory van in service in the rural areas of the Province. The purpose of this new venture is to extend the knowledge of sanitation throughout areas not immediately adjacent to the larger centres, testing of drinking water, and milk samples; demonstration of sewerage disposal systems, and exhibition of films covering the general health scheme are among the duties of the staff of this laboratory van.

At the annual meeting of the New Brunswick Provincial Council of the order of St. John of Jerusalem. Dr. G. B. Peat, was re-elected president commissioner and Dr. Geo. Keddy was elected vice-president.

A. STANLEY KIRKLAND

Ontario

Thunder Bay Medical Society will hold a Summer School on September 8, 9 and 10 at Port Arthur and Fort William. The speakers from Toronto are to be Dr. J. F. McCreary, Paediatrics; Dr. F. G. Kergin, Surgery and Dr. R. C. Dickson, Internal Medicine.

The annual meetings of the Ontario Districts are to be held according to this schedule: District No. 1 at St. Thomas on November 8 and 9; District No. 2 at Guelph on November 1 and 2; District No. 3 at Owen Sound on September 15; District No. 4 at Hamilton on October 4; District Number 5 at Streetsville on September 14; District No. 6 at Peterborough on October 19; District No. 7 at Westport on September 21; District No. 8 at Ottawa on October 12; District No. 9 at Sudbury on September 25, 26, 27 and 28; District No. 10 at Kenora on October 1; District No. 11 at Toronto on October 26.

The spring meeting of District No. 6 was held at Peterborough on June 15. Dr. Malcolm Brown of Kingston spoke on Management of Coronary Heart Disease; Dr. R. M. Anderson gave a résumé of the deliberations of the O.M.A. Council. Dr. R. C. Burr of Kingston spoke on Carcinoma of the Lip, Skin and Cervix Uteri; Dr. E. M. Robertson of Kingston spoke on Sterility.

Dr. B. C. P. Jansen, Professor of Biochemistry, University of Amsterdam, Holland addressed the Physiological Society of University of Toronto on Problems of Nutrition at the June meeting.

Dr. Gordon Murray, associate professor of surgery, University of Toronto, gave a lecture on "Surgery of Congenital Heart Disease" at the Royal College of Surgeons, London, on July 5. He spoke at the Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond Street on July 11 when his subject was "The Clinical Use of the Artificial Kidney."

The Ontario government has authorized the payment of \$7,349,192 in grants to hospitals for new or additional bed capacity since this type of assistance was started a year ago.

Dr. George W. Miller until recently with the Northumberland-Durham Health Unit has joined the World Health Organization in the capacity of Assistant to the Director of Planning. He will be permanently stationed at Geneva and his family join him there in August. Dr. Miller was a member of the Indian Medical Service which has now disbanded and served in India as Deputy Public Health Commissioner, Port Health Officer of Bombay, M.O.H., New Delhi, and was the first P.M.O. of the Royal Indian Navy.

The Ontario Universities

Queen's University graduated forty-three students in medicine, in June. The following is a list of awards: the W. W. Near and Susan Near Prizes of \$100 awarded to the student making the highest standing throughout the course, and of \$70 to the student making second highest standing, first: William Spence; second: James Blaine. Dean Fowler Scholarship of \$40 for highest marks in sixth year: William Spence. Edgar Forrester Scholarship of \$40 to the student making highest marks in final year Medicine and Clinical Medicine: Edward Attack. The Professor's Prize in Surgery and Clinical Surgery: William Spence. The Professor's Prize in Obstetrics and Gynaecology: Edward Attack. The Ontario Medical Association Prize of \$25 for highest marks in Preventive Medicine: William Spence. The Professor's Prize in Preventive Medicine: Edward Attack and Arthur Ross (equal). The David Edward Mundell Prize of \$40 for the highest aggregate marks in Surgical and Applied Anatomy: John Erickson. The Neil Currie Polson Memorial Prize of \$50 awarded to the student in the final year judged by his teachers to be the best adapted to apply his training in practice: Edward Attack. The Hannah Washburn Polson Prize of \$50 for proficiency in Clinical Diagnosis in Medicine, Surgery and Obstetrics: William Spence. The Victor Lyall Goodwill Memorial Prize of \$100 for an essay on some aspects of the study of Mental Disease: John Houck, M.A.

The Medal in Medicine: Edward Attack. The Medal in Surgery: William Spence. The Mylks Medal in Obstetrics and Gynaecology: Honour: Edward Attack; Award: Peter Davey.

University of Western Ontario graduated 52 students in Medicine. These are the awards: the Medical Alumni Gold Medal: Donald Marshall. The Alpha Kappa Kappa Gold Medal: Donald Marshall. The J. B. Campbell Memorial Scholarship in Medicine: Donald Marshall. The Class of 1917 Prize: William Graham. The Colonel Gartshore Chapter I.O.D.E., Annual Award in Paediatrics: Hugh Horner. The W. J. Roche Scholarship: Leland Walden. The Charles R. Will and Company, Limited, First Prize for an essay in Pharmacology or Therapeutics: Archibald Galbraith. The W. H. McGuffin in Scholarship in Radiology: William Gamble. The M. C. Mowry Memorial Prize in Obstetrics and Gynaecology: Donald Marshall. The Reckitt and Colman (Canada), Limited Prize in Obstetrics: Donald Marshall. Cairncross Award: Kenneth Carroll, Ph.D., Medical Research.

University of Toronto graduated 151 students in Medicine, the following with honours: Calvin Ezrin, Barbara McKinnon, Frederick Pearson, Abraham Rapoport, Robert Van der Flier, Martin Wolfish.

These are the awards: Graduate: the Francis Esther Hutchison Fellowship: P. O'Sullivan. The Lister Prize in Surgery: W. G. Bigelow, and W. T. Mustard, equal. The Percy Hermant Fellowships in Ophthalmology: D. Black; R. W. Robertson, C. Baird. The Canadian National Institute for the Blind Fellowship in Ophthalmology: L. A. Probert. The E. P. Taylor Fellowship in Oto-Laryngology: E. J. Stark. The George Brown Memorial Scholarship in Medical Science: R. D. Prueter. The J. J. Mackenzie Fellowship in Pathology and Bacteriology: J. S. Crawford.

Fourth Medical Year. The Cody Gold Medal: M. G. Wolfish. The Cody Silver Medals: C. Ezrin and F. G. Pearson. The Chappell Prize in Clinical Medicine: C. Ezrin. The Chappell Prize in Clinical Surgery: M. G. Wolfish. The Ellen Mickle Fellowship: M. G. Wolfish. The David Dunlap Memorial Scholarship: C. Ezrin. The William John Hendry Memorial Scholarship in Obstetrics and Gynaecology: F. G. Pearson. The Ontario Medical Association Prize in Preventive Medicine: F. G. Pearson. The Dr. Roy Simpson Scholarship in Paediatrics: E. Ezrin. The Class of 1924 War Service Scholarship: J. W. Ridge.

Third Medical Year. The Ronald S. Saddington Medal in Pathology: R. F. Hetherington. The John Copp Bursary: R. Haliburton.

Second Medical Year. The David Dunlap Memorial Scholarship: Miss S. M. Ramcharan. The Posluns Brothers Scholarship: Miss S. M. Ramcharan.

Second Pre-medical Year. The Alec Garalick Scholarship: F. B. Fallis.

The degree, Master of Surgery was given: Wilfred Bigelow, B.A., M.D.; Norman Delarue, B.A., M.D.; Ian Macdonald, M.D.; William Mustard, M.D.

The degree, Doctor of Medicine was given the members of the class of 1899: Ervin Baker, James Couche, Morris Dillane, Samuel Eagleson, William Fletcher, Cecil Holmes, Rowena Hume, Samuel Lavine, William McFall, Robert Peers, William Piersol, Robert Schnarr.

The degree of Doctor of Laws (*honoris causa*) was given to William Edward Gallie, M.D., D.Sc. (McGill), F.R.C.S. (Eng.), F.R.C.S. [C.], F.A.C.S., professor emeritus of surgery and former dean of the Faculty of Medicine who addressed Convocation.

LILLIAN A. CHASE

Plans for a campaign to raise funds for an extension to the Academy of Medicine, Toronto are now under way and the campaign will take place this fall. A new Osler Hall is needed badly as there is no room in the present building for large meetings. The excellent library is crowded and space for several thousand volumes is needed. Valuable museum exhibits are stored at present. The plans include an auditorium, library and museum space and more committee rooms.

The University of Western Ontario announces a Lectureship on October 25 and 26; the guest speaker will be Dr. Alton Ochsner, Professor of Surgery, The Tulane University of Louisiana.

Dr. Crawford B. Shier, who has completed his post-graduate training at Johns Hopkins Hospital, has returned to resume practice in Toronto and will join the Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology at the University of Toronto.

Three universities (Western Ontario, Queen's and Laval) have been granted more than \$20,000 from the federal health grants for special research and the development of new medical services, in neuropathology and cancer control. At Western Ontario they will investigate the relationship of the endocrine glands to the development of certain mental disorders especially in children and the physiological changes accompanying emotion. Queen's will develop a division of neuropathology.

Dr. Gordon E. Wride, a graduate of the University of Western Ontario, has been appointed Assistant Director of Health Insurance Studies in the Department of National Health and Welfare.

An expenditure of \$6,000 has been approved by the Department of National Health and Welfare for research into a phase of tuberculosis control in Ontario. The project is the study of the preparation of a new form of B.C.G. and its administration. The work will be carried out at the School of Hygiene, University of Toronto. It is hoped that a method will be found to prepare B.C.G. in powdered form, thus allowing satis-

factory use when a considerable time elapses between its preparation and administration. Costs of these projects will be charged against Ontario's share in the more than \$3,000,000 allocated annually to the provinces for the extension of tuberculosis control under the National Health program.

NOBLE SHARPE

Quebec

Dr. Ralph D. Rabinovitch, son of Dr. Max Rabinovitch, of Montreal, has been appointed assistant professor of psychiatry at the University of Michigan School of Medicine. He served as psychiatrist in the Canadian Army during the war.

La Société médicale de Beauce-Dorchester-Frontenac a fêté dernièrement trois de ses membres à l'occasion de leur jubilé d'or de pratique médicale: les docteurs J.-R. Chrétien, de Saint-Frédéric, Eugène Dionne, de Sainte-Marie, et J.-A.-N. Chabot, de Sainte-Claire-de-Dorchester.

Le docteur Jean-Marie Perron, de Shawinigan, remplace le docteur Henri Fauteux à la présidence du Bureau médical de l'Hôpital Sainte-Thérèse. Les docteurs Georges Smith et Gaston Brunelle feront également partie du Bureau.

La Société médicale de Val d'Or et de la région a élu le Conseil suivant: M. J.-E. Grondin, président; M. L.-P. Brousseau, secrétaire; M. L.-P. Taschereau.

M. le Doyen Edmond Dubé et M. Jean-Audet Lapointe, ophtalmologue à Sainte-Justine, ont reçu dans le service de ce dernier deux éminents ophtalmologues français, les Professeurs Gabriel-Pierre Sourdille (Nantes) et Louis Paufigue (Lyon). Ces deux chirurgiens ont donné des démonstrations opératoires de greffe de la cornée. Ils ont aussi professé à l'Université de Montréal.

Le Conseil médical de l'Hôpital Notre-Dame de Montréal comprendra en 1949-50 MM. Albert Bertrand, président; Paul Bourgeois, vice-président; Bernard Baillargeon, secrétaire; Albéric Marin, Léon Gérin-Lajoie, Philippe Panneton, Charles-Émile Grignon et Albert de Guise, conseillers.

L'Association des anatomo-pathologistes de la Province de Québec a tenu, les 20 et 21 mai, sa réunion annuelle. Les séances scientifiques ont eu lieu à l'Institut d'Anatomie pathologique de l'Université de Montréal. Parmi les communications les plus importantes, notons celles du Professeur Pierre Masson sur les tumeurs bénignes des nerfs périphériques et de M. Roderich C. Ross sur le diagnostic des tumeurs pulmonaires par l'examen des crachats. Le Professeur J.-E. Pritchard a été élu à la présidence, en remplacement du Professeur agrégé Louis-Charles Simard. M. J.-E. Morin sera vice-président et M. W.-H. Matthews, secrétaire.

The National Research Council has awarded 38 fellowships to graduates in medicine, including the following graduates of McGill University: Drs. R. A. Forse (physiology); J. C. Beck (endocrinology); W. H. Feindel (neuro-anatomy); E. E. McGarry (medicine); T. P. B. Payne (pathology); D. O. W. Waugh (pathology); S. H. Knox (medicine); J. M. Hunter (neuro-physiology); D. Lloyd-Smith (neurology); D. J. Currie (surgery); D. J. Brechin (pathology) and F. C. Lee (pharmacology). In addition, Dr. M. A. Entin will take up postgraduate studies in surgery at Stanford University in California; Dr. B. A. Levitan, in physiology at Duke University; Dr. J.-J. Lussier, a graduate of the University of Montreal, will study physiology at Cambridge, and Dr. Sergio Bencosme, also a graduate of Montreal, will continue his work in pathology at McGill.

PAUL DE BELLEFEUILLE

Le docteur Roger Sohier de l'université de Lyon a donné récemment à l'institut de Microbiologie et d'Hygiène de l'Université de Montréal quelques leçons sur le diagnostic, le traitement et la prophylaxie des maladies infectieuses.

Les 2 et 3 juin dernier s'est tenu à Chicoutimi le congrès régional des médecins de langue française de l'Amérique du Nord. Plusieurs travaux d'importance furent présentés par des médecins des hôpitaux des environs.

Le docteur Claude Faribault s'est vu dicerner le prix Arthur Vallée à l'Université de Montréal.

Le 7 juin à l'Université de Montréal 83 nouveaux médecins de la promotion 1949 ont reçu leur diplôme. La cérémonie était présidée par le docteur Edmond Dubé, doyen de la faculté de médecine.

L'hôpital Notre-Dame annonce la fondation de deux nouvelles cliniques. La première est la clinique thoraco-pulmonaire qui fut fondée grâce à un octroi des ministères de la santé fédéral et provincial en vue de la lutte antituberculeuse. Cette clinique est dirigée par le docteur Jules Prévost et assure un service de consultation externe et interne pour tous les patients présentant des affections pulmonaires. La deuxième est de chirurgie plastique et de chirurgie de la main. Le docteur Georges Cloutier dirige cette clinique.

Dr Charles Vézina doyen de la faculté de médecine de l'université Laval et le Dr Edmond Dubé doyen de la faculté de médecine de l'université de Montréal ont été nommés membres actifs de l'American Surgical Association.

Dr André Leduc s'est embarqué pour l'Europe où il poursuivra ses études en microbiologie et en bactériologie en France, à l'Institut Pasteur de Paris et sous la direction du Professeur Sohier à Lyon. Le Dr. Leduc vient de terminer un stage d'un an à l'hôpital Royal Victoria de Montréal où il a travaillé sous la direction du Dr Murray chef du laboratoire de bactériologie.

Le Dr Guy Courtois doit bientôt quitter Montréal pour un séjour d'études en neurologie clinique à Londres et à Paris. Le Dr Courtois a passé l'année qui vient de s'écouler à l'Institut Neurologique de Montréal dans les laboratoires de recherches du Dr Jasper.

Le Dr Léon Béique vient de quitter Montréal après avoir terminé sa résidence en chirurgie à l'hôpital Notre-Dame. Il continuera ses études en chirurgie à l'hôpital général de Toronto.

YVES PREVOST

Saskatchewan

Dr. Beattie Martin of Regina has been appointed a member of the International Society of Orthopaedic and Traumatic Surgery, an honour held by only a dozen or so other Canadians. The society met last in Brussels in 1947 and will meet again in Stockholm in 1951. It is dedicated to medical research and lists members from every country in the world. Members are chosen for their contributions to orthopaedic surgery.

Dr. and Mrs. D. S. Creighton left Saskatoon recently to reside at Nelson, B.C. Among other social functions, they were entertained by the staff of the Department of Veterans' Affairs, in recognition of Dr. Creighton's thirty-one years of government service. Dr. Creighton was presented with a silver tea service and an illuminated scroll, and as the event coincided with his birthday, there was a birthday cake. Dr. Creighton was superintendent of the D.V.A. hospital on retirement.

Dr. Ruth Isaacsen has recently been appointed Acting Medical Health Officer for Health Region No. 13 at North Battleford.

Dr. and Mrs. T. H. Argue were honoured recently on the occasion of Dr. Argue's retirement from active practice, after 44 years of service. The communities of Windthorst, Griffin, Corning, Handsworth, Osage, Creelman and Fillmore joined to show their appreciation and presented their guests with a silver tray and purse of \$1,000. Dr. and Mrs. Argue will be residing at 1530 Retallack Street, Regina.

Dr. and Mrs. J. B. Ritchie of Regina are planning an interesting trip to South Africa, where Dr. Ritchie will officially represent the Canadian Medical Association at the South African Medical Association Convention being held this autumn.

Rosetown-Kindersley District Medical Society held a meeting in Kindersley on June 29, which took the form of a supper meeting at the Seymour Hotel, followed by discussions. Dr. G. G. K. Graham of Rosetown was chairman and the following doctors were present from the surrounding district: Dr. R. L. Hall, Elrose; Dr. Mark Wall, Dodsland; Dr. G. R. Giles, Rosetown; Dr. S. E. Holmes, Eston; Dr. R. E. C. Ritchie, Brock; and Dr. P. D. Hooge and Dr. B. A. Zivot of Kindersley. Dr. J. M. Campbell, Saskatoon, presented a clinical discussion on "Common Genito-Urinary Problems and Their Management in General Practice". This was very well received and many questions were asked following the paper which indicated an alertness on the part of the physicians to this very timely subject. The Registrar, Dr. Gordon Ferguson, was present, and had the opportunity of passing on some observation from the British Commonwealth Medical Conference recently held in Saskatoon.

The May issue of "Saskatchewan History" is devoted almost entirely to the medical profession. The main article "The Medical Profession in the North-West Territories" is a most interesting subject and one with which Saskatchewan physicians should be well acquainted. There are other articles on early hospitals in Saskatchewan and a report of Dr. W. B. Cheadle's journey across Canada in 1863 by Professor E. A. McCourt of the University of Saskatchewan. This Journal is highly recommended to you as supplementary reading and a copy may be obtained for 35c on application to Saskatchewan History, Box 100, University of Saskatchewan. G. GORDON FERGUSON

General

The Canadian Tumour Registry.—It will be of interest to all who are concerned with the diagnosis and treatment of neoplastic disease to learn that the National Cancer Institute of Canada has recently established a Canadian Tumour Registry in Ottawa. The prime objective of the Registry will be the collection of pathological material and related clinical data in the field of human tumour pathology and its organization in such a way that it may be used for the study of neoplastic disease. Steps will also be taken to obtain representative material from experimental animal tumours. Although the Registry will, of course, be concerned with rare tumours and ones in which the pathological diagnosis is difficult or controversial, an effort will also be made to collect material representing all types of neoplasms. Such material will be utilized for the study of tumours in a number of ways, only one of which will be mentioned here. It is the intention of the Registry, when a sufficiency of material has been collected, to prepare sets of slides of various types of tumours. These will be available, on loan, to those interested in the histopathology of neoplastic disease.

A further objective of the Registry will be the provision, on request of any Canadian pathologist, of the opinions of the members of a committee of consultant pathologist on material contributed to the Registry. The following have accepted the invitation of the National Cancer Institute of Canada to act on this committee: Dr. C. L. P. Masson, University of Montreal; Dr. T. R. Waugh, Royal Victoria Hospital; Dr. W. L. Robinson, Toronto General Hospital; Dr. J. M. Lederman, University of Manitoba; Dr. N. G. B. McLetchie, Regina General Hospital and Dr. H. K. Fidler, Vancouver General Hospital.

It is likely that at the beginning the main value of the Registry will be the provision of this consultative service. It is to be stressed that it is not the intention of the National Cancer Institute to enter the diagnostic field, although the consultative opinions provided will doubtless be of great interest to contributing pathologists.

The Canadian Tumour Registry is under the administrative direction of a committee, named by the National Cancer Institute, consisting of Dr. L. C. Simard, University of Montreal; Dr. H. A. Ansley, Director of Health Services, Department of National Health and Welfare; Mr. James Gibbard, Chief of the Laboratory of Hygiene, Department of National Health and Welfare; Dr. Max O. Klotz, Pathologist, Ottawa Civic Hospital and Dr. Desmond Magner, University of Ottawa. Dr. Desmond Magner is the Registrar. The Tumour Registry is located at the Laboratory of Hygiene, Department of National Health and Welfare, Ottawa, which has also supplied equipment and technical personnel.

The University of Toronto, Faculty of Medicine offers a postgraduate course in Ophthalmology extending over three years. The graduate instruction in Ophthalmology in the teaching hospitals in Toronto has been co-ordinated under the direction of the University. The first year on a Fellowship, the value of which is approximately \$1,400, the student spends in one of the basic sciences of Ophthalmology, and the final two years are spent on the intern service of one or more of the University teaching hospitals. Approximately four hours of didactic teaching are arranged for the students by members of the staff each week from October to May. On Saturday mornings staff ward rounds are made at the Toronto General Hospital and are attended by the interns from the other teaching hospitals. The fee for instruction is \$50 per year payable to the Chief Accountant, University of Toronto. An application for appointment may be made to the Professor of Ophthalmology, Faculty of Medicine, University of Toronto. Appointments are made in December to commence on the following July 1.

Miss Mary J. Angus has been appointed Assistant Executive Secretary of the Canadian Arthritis and Rheumatism Society. Until her appointment, Miss Angus was Assistant to the Director of the Nutrition Division of the Department of National Health and Welfare. She is a graduate in dietetics from McGill University and obtained her M.S. degree in public health nutrition at Simmons College in Boston, in affiliation with the School of Public Health, Harvard.

Canadian Arthritis and Rheumatism Society Fellowships.—Fellowships for postgraduate training in the rheumatic diseases are immediately available for study at University Centres in Great Britain, the United States and Canada. These Fellowships are particularly designed for those desiring further training in Internal Medicine.

The Fellowships will be tenable for a period of twelve months and the amounts will vary from \$2,000 to \$4,000 per annum in accordance with the Candidate's experience and qualifications. The Society will pay the Fellows' travelling expenses from their place of residence in Canada to and from the place of training. Certain

of these Fellowships become tenable September 1, 1949, and others January 1, 1950.

For further details apply to the Dean of Medicine or the Executive Director, Canadian Arthritis and Rheumatism Society, 74 Sparks St., Ottawa, Ont.

Book Reviews

Medullary Nailing of Küntscher. L. Böhler, Director of the Hospital for Accidents in Vienna. First English edition revised by the author; translated from the eleventh German edition by H. Tretter, Surgeon in Charge of the New Jersey Manufacturers Hospital. 386 pp., illust. \$7.00. The Williams & Wilkins Co., Baltimore; The University of Toronto Press, Toronto, 1948.

This book is one written for the expert in the treatment of fractures. It is full of detail, with examples, well illustrated and well indexed, of the technique for the intramedullary nailing of fractures of almost any conceivable type. The technique is given in detail, as are the contraindications, and stress is laid upon the necessity of very adequate facilities for adequate x-ray supervision of each step, with precautions to be observed for the protection of both the patient and the surgeon carefully laid down, and the necessity for the collaboration of a competent roentgenologist clearly shown. The evidence, by reproductions of roentgenograms, of the striking results of this method of internal fixation in the reduction and retention of difficult fractures is arresting, but one cannot help but speculate as to whether a similar result might not have been attained by some of the methods of extramedullary fixation, or even by simple traction. Stress is laid upon the differentiation between *open* medullary nailing, and the closed method, and figures relative to the incidence of infection in both methods are given. It is, of course, unfortunate that anti-biotics were not available to the author during the period when the majority of the cases instanced were operated upon, and one cannot help but speculate as to whether the morbidity might not have been less had these been available to him or his followers.

This is a book written in advocacy of one method of internal fixation in the treatment of fractures, and, while one might quarrel with application of this principle for all the fractures for which it is advocated, the text is clear, the illustrations excellent, and, for any surgeon who has a thorough training in the treatment of fractures, and access to the necessary operating room and radiological facilities, it will open a field of intriguing possibilities.

Modern Management of Gastric and Duodenal Ulcer.

Edited by F. C. Deller. 227 pp., illust. \$5.00. E. & S. Livingstone Ltd., Edinburgh; Macmillan Co. of Canada, Toronto, 1948.

This modest book is based upon a series of articles which were published in the *Post Graduate Medical Journal*, and is the product of five authors. There is a brief but very readable review of applied anatomy, physiology and clinical pathology by R. Sleigh Johnson.

A short discussion of x-ray findings with plates is well presented by H. C. R. Bull. The chapter on the complications of ulcer consists chiefly of a quick look at the literature on the subject.

Medical therapy takes up 34 pages, most of which list in detail various diets from Lenhartz to Meulengracht. The surgical aspect with indications for surgery, together with operative details, is well stated by Rodney Maingot and A. K. Monro. A conservative discussion of vagotomy is accorded nine pages. Anæsthesia for gastric operations is concisely dealt with by J. Alfred Lee. The authors have managed to gather many practical points, supported by experience, to make this work an excellent review of the subject.

Occupational Therapy Source Book. Edited by S. Licht. 90 pp. \$1.00. The Williams & Wilkins Co., Baltimore, 1948.

This is a selection of classical writings by the men and women who have been responsible for the creation of occupational therapy as we know it today. Ten different authors present their ideas on the practical and moral value as well as on the psychological theories of "activity treatment" for mental patients which was first recommended by Asclepiades more than one hundred years before Christ. Their contributions cover the period from 1801 to 1914, some of them have been translated from the original French or German. One is amazed to come upon some of the ultra-modern methods of occupational and recreational therapy such as the psychodrama discussed not only in vague suggestions, but in considerable and enlightening detail, almost one hundred and fifty years ago. In fact, very little seems to be really new in this important therapeutic field other than the more extensive application of occupational therapy and the improved facilities for training. The editor of this source book, himself a well-known authority in the field, has written a concise and instructive opening chapter on the early history of occupational therapy. The book contains invaluable references for anyone concerned with teaching or research in occupational therapy. It provides an hour of stimulating reading for anyone interested in the history of medicine.

Technique of Treatment for the Cerebral Palsy Child.

P. F. Egel, Cerebral Palsy Director, Children's Hospital, Buffalo, New York. 203 pp., illust. \$3.85. The C. V. Mosby Co., St. Louis; McAinsh & Co., Ltd., Toronto, 1948.

This book is primarily written for the physiotherapist, as it outlines in detail a systematic program of muscle re-education for the cerebral palsy patient. It is however of value to the medical practitioner in that it effectively counteracts the hopeless attitude so often held towards this disease by showing what can be done. The system of treatment is that used at the Children's Hospital, Buffalo, N.Y. Cerebral palsy patients are classified into the spastic, athetoid, tremor, ataxia and rigidity types. Fifteen therapeutic procedures are described with their value and application in each of these types. Before treatment is begun a psychological examination is done to determine the child's ability to learn and a complete muscle examination is carried out. It is pointed out that feeble-mindedness is not necessarily an accompaniment of cerebral palsy. The aim of treatment is to make the patient less dependent on others for their everyday needs and to enable them to lead happier and more useful lives.

The author repeats herself to a certain extent but the book is on the whole very readable.

Virus Diseases of Man. C. E. Van Rooven, Research Member and Professor of Virus Infections, Connaught Medical Research Laboratories and School of Hygiene, University of Toronto; and A. J. Rhodes, Research Associate and Associate Professor of Virus Infections, Connaught Medical Research Laboratories and School of Hygiene, University of Toronto. 1202 pp., illust. Thomas Nelson & Sons, New York, 1948.

This book is the second edition of an excellent and complete review of virus diseases in man with reference to similar virus diseases in animals. Virus neutralization tests are outlined and the whole question of infection and immunity to virus diseases is discussed. At the end of each chapter there is an excellent list of references and in certain chapters of the better known diseases the references are extensive. This is an excellent book. The book should be in every medical library and is an excellent reference textbook for those doing research or making a study of virus diseases.